(d) Plan Load Factor (PLF) of thermal generating units in the Eastern Region during the period April-December, 2002 was 50.6%. Low PLF is mainly attributable to ageing of generating units, inadequate sub-transmission and distribution network and low demand in the region.

Installed production capacity of Eastern Zone of power sector

†878. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Zone of power sector is installed with production capacity which is more than its own requirement; and

(b) if so, the details of installed production capacity and the demand of power in this zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of installed generation capacity in Eastern Region as on 31.1.2003 is given as under:

Figures in MW

	Hydro	Thermal	Wind	Total
State Sector	2255.51	5655.56	2.59	7913.66
Private Sector	0	1441.52	-	1441.52
Central Sector	204	7137.50	-	7341.50
TOTAL	2459.51	14234.58	2.59	16696.68

During the period April—January, 2003 the peak demand in Eastern Region was 8076 MW.

Clearance of private power projects

†879. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rone of the private sector power projects

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.